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Chief Administrative Officer

June 5, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FEE EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLES WITH VALID VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE
PLATES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve amendments to Titles 15, 17 and 19 of the Los Angeles County Code, to exempt vehicles with valid veterans special license plates (Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor, Purple Heart, Prisoners of War, Survivors of Pearl Harbor, and Disabled Veterans) from the payment of parking fees at County-owned and operated public parking lots, including vehicle entry fees at County regional parks and County-enforced parking meters.
2. Find that the proposed parking and vehicle fee exemptions are categorically exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.
3. Introduce the attached ordinance, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption.
4. Direct affected departments to conduct staff training to implement the fee exemption prior to the ordinance effective date.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 23, 2007, your Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, County Counsel and the Director of Internal Services to prepare an ordinance and take other necessary legal action to exempt persons driving vehicles displaying valid veterans special license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code sections 5007(a)(2), 5101.3, 5101.4, 5101.5, 5101.6, or 5101.8 from parking fees and metered parking in County-owned public parking lots, at all County Regional Parks, and at parking meters in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, except on weekends and holidays other than Veterans Day. Adoption of the above recommendations will address all of your Board's instructions in this regard.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations are consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence, symbolizing the County's gratitude and appreciation for distinguished veteran's service.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total annual loss in revenue for the County, including parking revenue and entry fees, is estimated not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000). Adoption of the fee exemption for veterans will decrease parking revenue for the Chief Administrative Office and Beaches and Harbors. Revenue associated with vehicle entry fees for Parks and Recreation and other departments will also be minimally reduced as a result of the proposed recommendations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The fee exemption requires amendments to Title 15, 17, and 19 of the Los Angeles County Code. County Counsel has prepared an analysis, reviewed, and approved the ordinance amendments.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed parking lot, vehicle entry, and parking meter fee exemptions are categorically exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Class 1(x)(7) of the County's Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None. Upon approval of the ordinance amendments, affected departments will be directed to conduct staff training on the application of the fee exemption for veterans as it pertains to their respective parking and Regional Park vehicle entry operations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachment

c: Beaches and Harbors
County Counsel
Internal Services
Natural History Museum
Parks and Recreation
Public Works
Sheriff

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic, by adding Section 15.64.446 and amending Section 15.64.490; Title 17 - Parks, Beaches and Other Public Areas, by amending Sections 17.04.370 and 17.12.230; and Title 19 - Airports and Harbors, by amending Section 19.12.1330, of the Los Angeles County Code, to exempt vehicles with valid veterans special license plates from the payment of parking fees at County-owned and operated public parking lots, including vehicle entry fees at County regional parks, and at County parking meters.

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By 
RICHARD D. WEISS
Assistant County Counsel
Property Division

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03/23/07 (requested)

04/18/07 (revised)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic; Title 17 - Parks, Beaches and Other Public Areas; and Title 19, Airports and Harbors, relating to exempting vehicles with valid veterans special license plates from the payment of parking fees at County-owned or operated public parking lots, including vehicle entry fees at County regional parks, and at County parking meters.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15.64.446 is hereby added to read as follows:

15.64.446 County-owned or operated parking facilities - Fee exemption for vehicles with veterans special license plates.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, vehicles displaying valid veterans special license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code sections 5007(a)(2) (disabled veteran), 5101.3 (Pearl Harbor survivor), 5101.4 (Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross), 5101.5 (former American prisoner of war), 5101.6 (Congressional Medal of Honor), or 5101.8 (Purple Heart recipient) shall be exempt from the payment of parking fees at any county-owned or county-operated public parking lots during such days and times that parking fees at such lots are required to be deposited into a parking meter or paid directly to a parking attendant, but not where exit from the involved lot is controlled solely by an automated system. This fee exemption shall not apply on weekends or holidays, other than Veterans Day, to the extent that parking fees are otherwise payable on such days. Vehicles subject to the

above fee exemption shall nonetheless be subject to any other restrictions pertaining to parking at the involved location.

SECTION 2. Section 15.64.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.64.490 Deposit of fees required.

A person shall not park any vehicle in any space metered by a parking meter without depositing the proper fee as indicated on such parking meter for such parking. Notwithstanding the above, vehicles displaying valid veterans special license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code sections 5007(a)(2) (disabled veteran), 5101.3 (Pearl Harbor survivor), 5101.4 (Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross), 5101.5 (former American prisoner of war), 5101.6 (Congressional Medal of Honor), or 5101.8 (Purple Heart recipient) shall be exempt from the payment of such parking meter fees except on weekends or holidays, other than Veterans Day, to the extent parking meter fees are otherwise payable on such days. However, such vehicles shall be subject to any other applicable restrictions pertaining to parking at the involved location.

SECTION 3. Section 17.04.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.04.370 Motor vehicle restriction - Parking.

A person shall not bring to or operate in any park any motor vehicle except at such times and at such places as permitted by the director in written regulations or permits issued by him from time to time, and any such operation of a motor vehicle shall be in accordance with the conditions contained in such regulation or permit. A person shall not park any motor vehicle in any park except in areas designated by the director for parking. Vehicles displaying valid veterans special license plates issued pursuant

to the provisions of California Vehicle Code sections 5007(a)(2) (disabled veteran), 5101.3 (Pearl Harbor survivor), 5101.4 (Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross), 5101.5 (former American prisoner of war), 5101.6 (Congressional Medal of Honor), or 5101.8 (Purple Heart recipient) shall be exempt from the payment of vehicle entry fees at regional parks, except on weekends or holidays, other than Veterans Day, to the extent vehicle entry fees are otherwise payable on such days. Vehicles entitled to the above fee exemption shall be subject to any other applicable restrictions pertaining to the use of the involved regional park facilities.

SECTION 4. Section 17.12.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.12.230 Motor vehicle restrictions.

If the director finds that at certain times, or under specified restrictions, or at designated places a person can so operate a motor vehicle so as to not interfere in any way with the use of any beach, he may grant such person permission so to operate such motor vehicle. Otherwise, a person shall not bring to or operate on any beach any motor vehicle except as permitted by the director, and subject to all of the conditions which are a part of such permission. If permission to operate a motor vehicle is granted, a person shall park such motor vehicle only in those areas designated by the director for parking. Vehicles displaying valid veterans special license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code sections 5007(a)(2) (disabled veteran), 5101.3 (Pearl Harbor survivor), 5101.4 (Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross), 5101.5 (former American prisoner of war), 5101.6 (Congressional Medal of Honor), or 5101.8 (Purple Heart recipient) shall be exempt from the payment

of any fees for parking in beach parking lots during such days and times that parking fees at such lots are required to be deposited into a parking meter or paid directly to a parking attendant, but not where exit from the involved lot is controlled solely by an automated system. This fee exemption shall not apply on weekends or holidays, other than Veterans Day, to the extent parking fees are otherwise payable on such days. Vehicles entitled to the above fee exemption shall be subject to any other applicable restrictions pertaining to parking at the involved location.

SECTION 5. Section 19.12.1330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19.12.1330 Motor vehicles - Parking restrictions.

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E. Vehicles displaying valid veterans special license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code sections 5007(a)(2) (disabled veteran), 5101.3 (Pearl Harbor survivor), 5101.4 (Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross), 5101.5 (former American prisoner of war), 5101.6 (Congressional Medal of Honor), or 5101.8 (Purple Heart recipient) shall be exempt from the payment of any fees for parking in county-owned or county-operated public parking lots during such days and times that parking fees at such lots are required to be deposited into a parking meter or paid directly to a parking attendant, but not where exit from the involved lot is controlled solely by an automated system. This fee exemption shall not apply on weekends or holidays, other than Veterans Day, to the extent parking fees are otherwise payable on such days. Vehicles entitled to the above exemption shall be subject to any other applicable restrictions pertaining to parking at the involved location.

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